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4PM-BUSH; 2ND ADD; A096; 110

4URGENT

4WASHN: FUTURE PLANS.

BUSH BRIEFED CARTER FOR NEARLY SIX HOURS LAST FRIDAY AT THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S HOME IN PLAINS, GA.; ON THE HIGHLY SECRET METHODS THE CIA USES TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE AROUND THE WORLD.

BUSH TOLD REPORTERS IN PLAINS THAT HE HAD VISITED FORD BEFORE FLYING TO GEORGIA AND WAS TOLD TO GIVE CARTER FULL ACCESS TO ANY INFORMATION HE MIGHT DESIRE.

WHILE HE WAS IN PLAINS, BUSH REFUSED TO DISCUSS HIS OWN FUTURE AND DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER THE POSSIBILITY OF REMAINING IN HIS JOB HAD BEEN RAISED DURING SESSION WITH CARTER.

CARTER HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION OF WHOM HE MIGHT APPOINT TO REPLACE BUSH.

4PM-BUSH; 3RD ADD; A097; 110

4URGENT

4WASHN: REPLACE BUSH.

BUSH TOOK OVER AS HEAD OF THE CIA LAST JAN. 30 AND IMMEDIATELY WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE JOB OF RESTORING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE AGENCY, WHICH HAD BEEN THE TARGET OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO IMPROPER ACTIVITIES. "NO POLITICIS; NO POLICY BIAS; WILL COLOR THE COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT OF THE CIA," HE DECLARED AT HIS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY.

HE ALSO PLEDGED TO PROTECT THE AGENCY'S CONFIDENTIALITY. "I WILL NOT TURN MY BACK FROM THE PAST," HE SAID. "WE'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT WHAT AN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY MUST DO TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE IN AN OPEN SOCIETY. BUT THE EMPHASIS NOW WILL BE ON THE FUTURE."

BUSH SUCCEEDED WILLIAM E. COLBY, WHO HAD BEEN DEFENDING THE CIA DURING CONGRESSION INVESTIGATIONS OF AGENCY OPERATIONS.

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7PM-BUSH; 4TH ADD; A099; 150

7URGENT

7WASHN: AGENCY OPERATIONS:

ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO BACKGROUND AS A SPY BEFORE TAKING OVER THE CIA, BUSH HAD OCCUPIED TWO OF THE NATION'S MOST SENSITIVE DIPLOMATIC POSTS.

IN 1970, PRESIDENT RICHARD W. NIXON NAMED BUSH AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS. THEN IN SEPTEMBER 1974, WHILE SERVING AS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, BUSH WAS CHOSEN BY FORD TO BE THE U.S. ENVOY TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HE HELD THAT POST UNTIL GOING TO THE CIA.

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH HAS A BACKGROUND OF MIDDLING SUCCESS IN POLITICS AND A GREAT SUCCESS IN BUSINESS.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM YALE IN 1948, BUSH MADE MILLIONS IN TEXAS OIL ENTERPRISES.

IN HIS FIRST POLITICAL CAMPAIGN -- AN ATTEMPT TO UNSEAT TEXAS SEN. RALPH YARBOROUGH IN 1964 -- HE WAS DEFEATED BUT MADE A RECORD SHOWING FOR A REPUBLICAN IN A DEMOCRAT-DOMINATED STATE. TWO YEARS LATER HE WAS ELECTED TO THE HOUSE FROM A NEWLY CREATED DISTRICT IN HOUSTON. BUT HIS SECOND TRY FOR THE SENATE IN 1970 ALSO ENDED IN FAILURE.

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